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Special Scholarship awarded

Last term, Cap offered for the first time the opportunity for students to complete a Canadian Studies Specialty as a special addition to the regular College diploma, and to mark the occasion the Canadian Studies Committee created a special scholarship for the first student to complete a Diploma including the Specialty. We are pleased to announce that the winner is Ms. BARBARA J. MARETTE of West Van. who has been a student here since January 1979 when she decided to return to school. Ms. Marette will be taking the \$200 with her when she goes to U.B.C. this fall. She commented: "One of my hobbies is genealogy and so I needed to know more about Canadian History. Though I was born in Michigan, my ancestors have been Canadians for the last 150 years." For a Canadian Studies Specialty a student must complete 24 credits of Canadian interest courses, which can include both Academic and Career courses in subjects like History, Business, Literature, Painting, Political Science, Anthropology and Labour Relations. For more information contact the Humanities Division (501) or Reid Gilbert (Chair of the Cdn. Studies Committee) or Dorothy Jantzen.

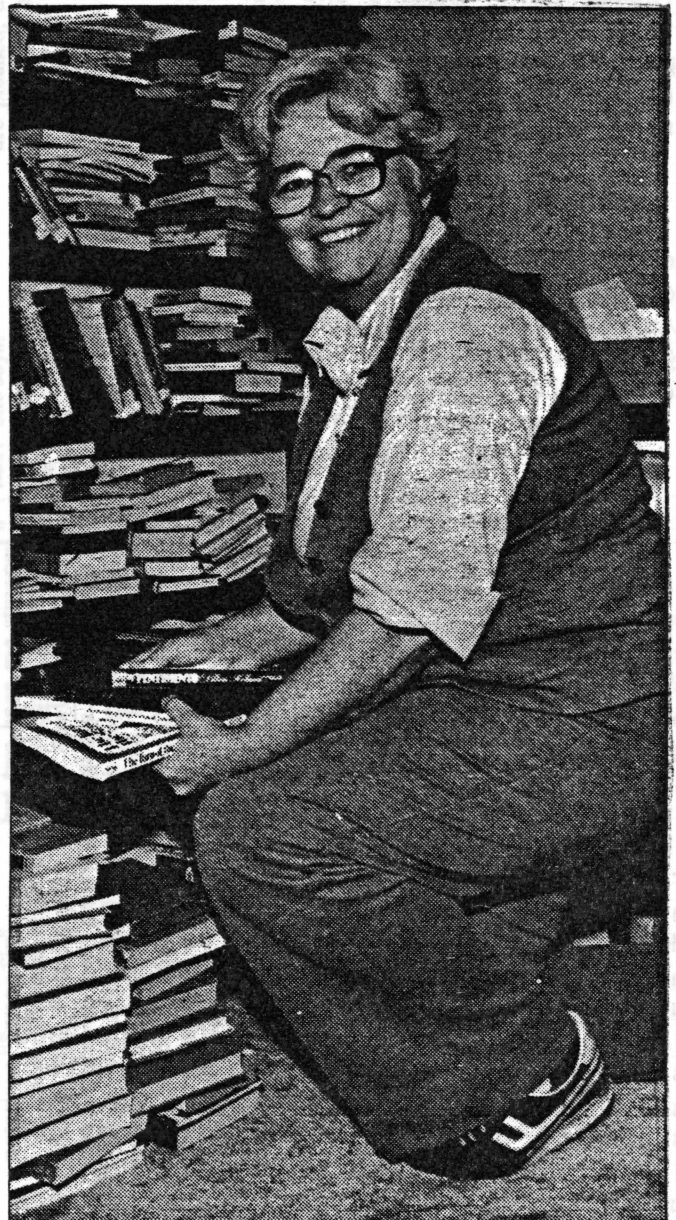
Spanish classes still available

Have you considered learning Spanish? The word from Conchita Furstenwald is that both Spanish 100 and 200 still have seats available. Contact her for information.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Informer where we gave information about the space shuffle we made an error. The three Academic Studies Faculty Division offices which we put down as having moved to Level III have actually moved to Level IV. Sorry.

A change of pace for Francis



The North Shore News put it so nicely in their July 21 article, that we thought we would include it in the Informer -- read about Frances Burstein in China (last page).

STUDENTS MEET GORILLAS

Would you like to meet three gorillas named Nina, Pete and Kiki? Karin Lind is taking students on a field trip to Woodlands Zoo in Seattle on Sat., Sept. 25 to study gorillas, orang-utans and other primates. Should there be space on the bus after students have signed up, community people will be welcome to go. The course in which students will study the social life of monkeys and apes, current discoveries of early humans and various cultures of the world is Anthropology 120 and it is happening Thursday evenings this term. For more information on any of this contact Karin at local 528.

Kingan - a distinctive art

And then there are fleeting forms, like those of Ted Kingan, that leap from the very roots of dream; pure, primeval, dancing through the subconscious; vital yet indefinable.

- Linda Talbot

"Surrealism Unlimited 1968-1978"

As you may have noticed in the last issue of the Informer, Ted Kingan has work on display right now at the North Van Civic Centre Gallery at City Hall, but this is just one of the good things that have been happening to his career in the last while. For instance, one of his paintings will be reproduced in a major new book on Surrealism written by Jose Pierre, a French art historian who visited the college some time ago. Then, also, an English art historian was in Vancouver recently and will be writing a book about the surrealist "Melmoth" group to which Ted belongs and, naturally, he will be included. There is, further, a good chance that he will be exhibiting in Paris in the Galerie 1900-2000 as the owner has expressed a great interest in his work. With all this going on it is amazing (but very fortunate) that Ted finds time to teach here. Although the current show will be over on Sept. 8, we will recommend that if you've never had a chance to see any of Ted's small gouache paintings, you go and take a look. Gallery hours are 8:30 to 4:30. Congratulations, Ted--keep it up.

Registration Blues

An interesting memo was found circulating through the inter-office mail the other day--it read as follows:

Please find enclosed the attached student. His original request was to enroll in the B.M. Program. However, after the initial interview I recognized that he might possibly be an E.S.L. candidate. Not particularly thrilled with that idea, he then requested admittance to the HUMAN. DIV. but I knew he'd never pass the E.P.T. -- even the O.A.Div. couldn't help him. We tried B.T.S.D. but once again he's over qualified and the A.C.T. is not the place for him either.

I checked further with the Couns. Div. but S.V.I.B.'s were out of the question and as a last resort I am sending him to the L.A.C. for some S.P.L. and possibly A.I.D. I am not sure whether an elongated neck, or an extended appendage quality him for S.N.S. but I have done everything to assure him that the LIB., A.V. and M.P.C. would help. If problems arose I also advised him that the P.A.C. and the P.P.C. would surely look into his situation--after all we are a C.C. and should be able to assist.

Please notify me of E.T.'s progress A.S.A.P. as C.E. advises his latest cheque went N.S.F. and we are awaiting notification of a Wl.

Thanks
G.O.D.

(and thank you, Lynne)

Blast, another correction

Forgive us, Geology!

Contrary to the information presented in the last issue of the Informer, not ALL academic science labs have moved to H building, level III. Geology remains in the portables and will also have the facilities of the old Physics lab portable. Contrary to rumour, we were not trying to make you feel left out, Geology people--it was an innocent mistake. By the way, if you are feeling left out, just try working in the Premier St. office! But anyway, we do apologize and will endeavour to improve our reporting.

WHAT STARTED AS A "bit of a fluke" for Frances Burstein is now a solid fact as the Capilano College professor begins to pack her bags for China.

Seated in a small apartment overflowing with books of every description in piles on the floor, Burstein does not look like the distinguished scholar she is.

But a quick look at her credentials is more than enough to convince the curious that Burstein is a prime choice for Guangzhou (Canton) Institute of Foreign Languages officials seeking "foreign expert" scholars for their university.

An English instructor at Capilano College since it was first created in 1969, Burstein has her Ph.D. from Boston University and 25 years of teaching experience including Boston, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

Right now, though, Burstein has more on her mind than her academic qualifications as she tries to pack for a one year, possible two year, sojourn in China as a lecturer at the institute.

"It was all a bit of a fluke," she smiles as she glances at the chaos that was once a living room floor. "All the post-secondary English departments received notices last summer that the Foreign Experts Bureau in Peking was looking for teachers.

"I wrote off and received no word from them until the end of March, when they asked 'if it would be convenient for me' to start this September.

"Somehow I expected a

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bit more correspondence back and forth."

The lack of correspondence has produced some curious problems for Burstein. For example, she doesn't know if she will be teaching graduates or undergraduates, what she'll be teaching (her specialities are American and British literature and composition), how many she'll be teaching, or even how she'll be teaching — by lecture or discussion.

Consequently, guessing as to which books are most appropriate to take all the way to China is about as scientific as winning the notorious "Sweep Six".

"I know I'll need obvious books like dictionaries, thesauruses, standard literary works, but as to the types of literature and ages I haven't a clue," she says. "I also have no idea what the library will be like."

With only 140 lb. each

allotted to her and son Brian, who is joining her for at least the first year, some tough decisions have to be made.

Books are only a small part of the problem. A major one will be overcoming cultural problems English teachers over here never think about.

"I'll be teaching students who don't have any background in Western literature, a background that I just assume over here," Burstein says. A lot of allusions will have to be explained. "I'll have to fill in on Biblical references, certainly, and it will have to be done very delicately because there is still some hostility from the students."

Other puzzles include figuring out just which languages are taught at the nine-language institute. "I've figured out seven of them, but two have me stumped," Burstein grins.

As well as packing selectively (even though she doesn't leave until Aug. 25), Burstein is learning some Mandarin Chinese in advance.

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km from Canton, Mandarin is the language used at university.)

The language is difficult but fascinating, she says.

"It seems strange from the outside, but once inside it is beautiful ... there's lots of music." Learning Mandarin not only enables her to get by on the streets, but gives Burstein a better sense of the problems her students face in learning and speaking English, for example grammatical construction.

She also finds out in advance that she will have to answer to "Buh-eh-tine" instead of Burstein because the Chinese language cannot accommodate all our western sibilants, particularly "r" sounds. "Heavens knows what Brian's name will sound like," she says.

Burstein is also boning up on what else she can expect when she steps off the plane. "The food will be a delight, I

know, and I'm looking forward to that," she says.

Other fine points include not drinking the tap water. Apparently no one does, she says, and water intended for drinking is served hot.

Burstein still doesn't know what to pack in clothes, although one friend who taught in western China wound up wearing light blue "Mao jackets" and pants all year.

Another unknown is what Brian will do for a year. The Institute appears to have plans for him, but the Bursteins don't know what they are yet.

In the meantime, Brian has bought a bicycle to get in shape for what will certainly be a trip into Canton every day from the Institute.

What has the reaction been to her appointment from her colleagues at Capilano? Burstein says they are pleased, delighted, even jealous, and she is flooded

by questions about the need for other "foreign experts".

The college administration has been particularly supportive, and even gave her a professional development grant, Burstein says.

Her appointment is certainly a first for Capilano and possibly for B.C. community colleges.

One of the things it does do is show the community the high calibre of instructors at the North Vancouver college, most of whom hold PhDs or MAs in their discipline.

"Yes," muses Burstein, "one of the mistakes we made at the beginning I suppose was calling ourselves instructors instead of breaking down into professors, assistant professors and instructors." But though the name is misleading to the community, the quality of instructors at the college is what counts in the final analysis.

Throughout the interview, Burstein's almost tangible anticipation buoys the conversation. Despite so many unanswered questions, her confidence seems big enough to take on all of China and win.

Goodbye Cap College, hello China